

# 3 THREE 3 Weeks ANNUAL INVENTORY SALE

During the month of August of every year we take our regular annual inventory and prior to that time, we propose to clean up and reduce stock as much as possible and to that end we make

**A General Sweeping cut, on all summer goods.**  
**Our Stock MUST BE REDUCED.**

**Now is your time to buy desirable goods at Way down Prices.**

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Besides the Usual Complete Stock of the Cheapest  
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IN TOWN, I HAVE ADDED A SELECT LINE OF  
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**Ladies and Children's Shirt Waists,**  
Big Variety of 5c. and 10c. Goods; also, a large stock of  
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Do you know what **HEALTH INSURANCE** is? It may be worth \$25 per week to you call at this agency and be informed.

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**  
**PERSONAL POINTERS FIFTHLY PRINTED.**  
Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.  
Guavas are ripe.  
New moon Sunday.  
These are typical Florida days.  
County commissioners meet next Tuesday.  
New supply of yellow oil "slickers" at J. R. Elliott's.—30  
Look out for bill collectors to-day. Don't shoot them.  
County school board will meet next Tuesday.  
Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agt.  
Fishing season will open two weeks from to-day.  
Quilts and comforts, new stock just received at J. R. Elliott's.—30  
County Treasurer Finis E. Parker was here Tuesday shaking hands with his many friends.  
Special sale of lawns at J. R. Elliott's for next 30 days.—30  
Col. C. C. Morgan of Fort Ogden was a welcome caller in this office Wednesday.  
Call Phone 67 for prompt delivery of groceries.—E. O. Coram.—30tf.  
Col. Pepper will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.  
Great clearance sale of all summer goods at Earnest's.—29-3f  
Mrs. Carrow expects to leave tomorrow to luxuriate for a month or so at her former home in Michigan.  
Car load good, fresh salt just received by A. Roe.—30  
There is more going on in Punta Gorda than in any other town of the same size this side of New York.  
If you wish to keep dry, walk under one of J. R. Elliott's umbrellas.—t  
Mr. J. Wotitzky returned Monday morning from a successful business voyage of six weeks around the Cape.  
Ladies' and children's sailors at half price at J. R. Elliott's.—30.  
Rev. C. H. Ferran left Monday for a six-weeks vacation, a portion of which he will spend at the Presbyterian chautauqua on Winona lake, Ills.  
Millinery goods at less than half price at Earnest's.—29-3f  
The ladies of the Baptist church will give an ice cream festival at the residence of Mrs. E. Goldstein tomorrow afternoon. Music by the brass band. Everybody invited.  
Have you tried "Palmitina," the new shortening compound? It is excellent. E. O. Coram keeps it.—tf  
Town council will meet Tuesday night. They ought first to go out and look at that big object lesson at the goitahen ice factory—that 600-gallon gusher.  
A few applications of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur will cure any case of ground itch, at drugists.—da  
Mrs. H. M. Reid, after a pleasant visit here to her sisters, Mesdames A. F. Dewey and Jno. H. Farrington, left Tuesday evening for her home in Brunswick, Ga.  
Regular annual inventory sale now going on. Stock must be reduced and our prices will do it.  
At Earnest's.—29-3f  
Gen. Gilchrist will leave to-day or tomorrow for Columbia, S. C., to visit his mother, Mrs. J. G. Gibbs. Afterwards, he will visit West Point on the Hudson and return here about Sept. 1st.  
Mr. L. M. Thomas, the blacksmith, has secured the help of Mr. Elias Keen whose work is first-class and is giving general satisfaction. And the two are turning out some very pretty and substantial delivery wagons.  
The Punta Gorda Cornet Band is ready for engagements. As many as twenty performers may be had on short notice. Address, M. V. Williams, Sec.—29tf.  
The Courier-Informant says that the reason those Bartow hunters did not bring home that pirates' treasure from Coral creek was, their boat was too small. Next time they come, they ought to charter the huge dredge boat now being built by the Consolidated Co.  
At Seward's you can get first-class matting at actual cost prices; also wire screen and poultry netting of all widths. We are overstocked and goods must be sold.—30  
Mrs. A. Roe, manager of Hotel Eade, who is visiting her mother in Jacksonville and at the same time receiving medical treatment for impaired strength resulting from overwork, is reported as fast recovering her health and likely to come home next week.  
The Punta Gorda Livery Stables, E. A. Seward, manager, is a new enterprise recently established which solicits a share of the public patronage. Good horses and buggies and fair treatment. 17tf.

Col. Trabue has just added a neat kitchen to his cottage on Rotta Esplanade.  
Sweet Orr overalls, best in the world, 75c. a pair, at J. R. Elliott's.—t  
Bartow Courier-Informant: Dr. Latham and Cecil Crossland of Punta Gorda, spent Sunday in town the guests of H. T. Welsh.  
R. K. Seward is almost giving away mosquito nets of all lengths.—30  
On next Sunday night, Rector T. J. Purdue will deliver the first of a series of discourses on the history of the Episcopal church. The subject of the first is: "Contending for the Faith." Public always welcome.  
Ice cream freezers and water coolers, at cost prices, at Seward's.—30  
Manager White has arranged to give telephone subscribers an all-night service beginning Aug. 15th. This will be welcome news to those who like to make the doctors earn their money.  
Lot of men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 straw hats going at 25c. each at J. R. Elliott's.—30  
The steamer "Calogosa," which has been on the Fort Myers run for several weeks, will return this week to St. Petersburg; and the "St. Lucie," which has been in dry dock at Tampa, will return here and resume her regular trips to Fort Myers.  
Handsome glass water sets and fancy crockery ware, half price at Seward's.—30  
The third nine of the Arcadia base ball club came here last Friday and played a match game with the Punta Gorda third nine. It was an interesting event; attracted a large crowd of spectators; lasted two hours, and wound up in victory for the home team with a score of 13 to 2.  
PINEAPPLE SLIPS for planting—good, healthy Smooth Cayennes, for sale by N. N. Wakefield.—30tf  
If that Levi Larkins doesn't quit poking fun in the Champion at our educational dignitaries, it will soon get so that nobody in this county will consent to become an educational dignitary. Thundering glad we didn't get on the school board, as long as Levi is prowling around.  
For fresh cuts, burns and open sores, use Hancock's Liquid Sulphur at drugists.—tf  
The ice cream festival of the base ball club last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair; indeed, it was a delightful social success, but it didn't fill the base ball treasury to overflowing. The boys cleared a few dollars over expenses, but they had a glad time, which was worth many dollars more.  
Hancock's Liquid Sulphur cures prickly heat in one application, at drugists.—tf  
Messrs. J. E. Blanton, a leading merchant of Largo, C. J. Martin, a prominent business man of Mount Pleasant, Gadsden county, arrived Tuesday night on a visit of a few days to their friend, Mr. J. B. Cox. They are prospecting around and, if pleased, as we hope they will be, they may eventually locate here.  
Car load pineapple crates to arrive in a few days, A. Roe.—30.  
Capt. Joe Lamar went down to Coral creek Tuesday to help those Bartow people find that pirates' treasure, but they ran him off, saying that railroad people are already rich enough and they don't intend to divide with any one. The Bartow folks are in dead earnest in their search.  
If you wish to use the famous "Clover Mill" Butter and Cheese, the best on the market, call on E. O. Coram who will give you best goods at lowest prices.—tf  
Mrs. John Rasch and three children left Wednesday for a year's visit to Mrs. R.'s girlhood home in Luckenvalde, near Berlin, Germany. Her friends here wish her a pleasant voyage, a happy visit and a safe return, and John's friends truly sympathize with him in his temporary widowhood. But John bears up bravely in his loneliness.  
Strange as it may seem, Seward needs money to buy fall stock, and in order to get it he is closing out many lines of goods at cost, and in many instances less than cost prices. Give him a call and save money.—30  
Some wag writes to the Champion: Dunk Swan says that Charley Johnson's meager vote in Pine Level was caused by those white shoes, that the smallness of his vote at Wau-chula was brought about by those red socks, and the vote of Punta Gorda fully demonstrated that the gentleman must have gone barefooted at the latter place.  
HORSE LOST—small black pony with rope on his neck, strayed Sunday night from Hickman's still, coming towards Punta Gorda. Liberal reward for his return to S. A. Giles, Punta Gorda.  
Mr. Green Hodge, once sheriff of Levy county, formerly a Confederate soldier, later a soldier in Col. Gilchrist's regiment in Cuba, passed through here Wednesday going from Fort Myers to Macon, Ga., to make his home there with his sons. He called at THE HERALD office to speak a good word for Gen. Gilchrist, saying that no officer in the Spanish war was as kind and attentive to his men as was Col. Gilchrist.

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**LIVELY SHIPPING BUSINESS.**  
The bay this week has been alive with craft of all kinds from a row-boat to a steamship and a great deal of shipping has been done.  
On Monday, Capt. McKay's two vessels, the steamer "Roanoke" and the schooner "Neally," took on a cargo of 700 cattle at the big cattle dock and sailed that night for Matanzas, Cuba. Both boats will be back here to-day for another 700 head. The first cargo was furnished by the King Brothers and R. E. Whidden; the second comes from the stock of the Kings, Hooker and Hollingsworth.  
Monday also, Mr. W. H. Towles' two big schooners, the "Wave" and the "Dr. Lykes," came in to load with ice for Key West. Only two cars of ice came Monday night and there was no saw-dust for packing; consequently, the vessels were delayed two days. They carried about 250 tons of ice to the island city, which it is hoped relieved the distressing situation there resulting from the destruction of the city's ice and electric light plants.  
During the week also a great deal of lumber has been shipped down the bay for building fishing camps and for other purposes, and besides this, quantities of merchandise have gone out in boats. Upon the whole, it has been quite a lively week along the bay.

A special fertilizer for pineapple growers is being made to order for A. Roe.—30.  
The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by all druggists.—pm  
Henry L. Shattuck of Shellsburg, Iowa, was cured of a stomach trouble with which he had been afflicted for years, by four boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He had previously tried many other remedies and a number of physicians without relief. For sale by all druggists.—td  
In the report of the county tax levy in this paper last week, the item of 5 mills special road tax was omitted. The correct levy is this: general revenue 4 mills, fine and forfeiture 2, road 2, special road 5, school 5, sub school districts 3; total 21 mills, or \$2.10 on each \$100 worth of property. Add to this the State tax of 5 mills and the municipal tax of incorporated towns, and the grand total for Punta Gorda will be about 38 mills, which is \$3.80 per \$100 of property.  
My boy when four years old was taken with colic and cramps in his stomach. I sent for the doctor and he injected morphine, but the child kept getting worse. I then gave him half a teaspoonful of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in half an hour he was sleeping and soon recovered.—F. L. Wilkins, Shell Lake, Wis. Mr. Wilkins is book-keeper for the Shell Lake Lumber Co. For sale by all druggists.—pm  
Dysentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.  
"I am just up from a hard spell of the flux" (dysentery), says Mr. T. A. Pinner, a well known merchant of Drummond, Tenn. "I used one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world." There is no need of employing a doctor when this remedy is used, for no doctor can prescribe a better medicine for bowels complaint in any form either for children or adults. It never fails and is pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists.—td  
Not Over-Wise.  
There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by all druggists.—pm  
The cattle men are laughing over an adventure of Attorney J. L. Sauls of Arcadia. In the kindness of his heart, he tried to help them load their cattle here Monday and in the effort he got between two bunches of steers on the dock. The steers had no regard for his august presence, but rushed along the dock with their accustomed recklessness. The cattle men say that the colonel climbed the palisades with such velocity that he fired himself clear over them and into the bay. The colonel laughs as loud as any of them over his precipitate escape.

At the present day authorities on skin diseases concede and have demonstrated that skin diseases of every nature are caused by micro-scopic germs, bacilli, bacteria, micro-zoisms or other forms of animal decomposition. Hancock's Liquid Sulphur arrests animal decomposition in every form, and is an absolute destroyer of all germs in such diseases as eczema, salt rheum, tetter, Acne, pimples, ringworm, diphtheria, sore throat and open sores. For sale by all druggists. if

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